



COCONINO
Highways

Annual Holiday Quilt and Crafts Giveaway

By Joan M. Graboski, Detention Facility Program Coordinator

At the Coconino County Detention Facility, the inmate program room was aglow with warm Autumn colored quilts and pillows along with bright holiday pillows and crafts in red, green, and gold. Over 200 quilts were draped over tables and chairs for display. The quilts and sewn crafts exuded a warm, welcoming feeling that charmed everyone in the room. It put everyone in a holiday spirit.

These handmade items were created by the women inmates participating in the Detention Facility's sewing program led by Theresa Arias. All were on display on November 2nd for one purpose: to be given to local non-profit organizations and agencies. All throughout the year, Theresa Arias teaches participating inmates the basics in sewing and then guides them in creating hand-made items. Projects include quilts, pillows, and holiday crafts. Many inmates begin the sewing program with limited sewing skills, but the finished projects do not betray this fact. Upon closer look, it was easy to see that these projects were made with skill, care, and attention to detail...and with the newly found love of sewing.



*Quilts sewn and donated by the Coconino County
Detention Facility Women's Sewing Program*

The holiday giveaway event has become an annual tradition, something that is looked forward to each year. Their handmade items have gone to comfort the ill, the elderly, the homeless, and the children in intensive care. The majority of the materials for the sewing program are donated by generous community members. If you wish to donate sewing fabric and materials to the program, contact Joan Graboski, Program Coordinator, at 928-226-5211.



Sheriff's Office and Emergency Management Team in Enhancing Public Safety through Homeland Security Grants

The Sheriff's Office and County Emergency Management coordinate closely for the response to emergency events. They share many responsibilities, programs, and resources that are vital to emergency response and management. The two departments work well together and truly complement each other.

The following is from a media release sent out by Coconino County.

Coconino County is pleased to announce that the Arizona Department of Homeland Security has awarded grant funds in the amount of \$310,076 to the Sheriff's Office and County Emergency Management. This funding package is part of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security grant program to ensure that state and local communities have the capacity to respond to all types of emergencies and terrorist threats.

The funding will provide the following:

- \$64,944 for training and simulation exercises for first responders, emergency planners and government entities. These funds will be used to enhance preparedness and readiness in hazardous materials response, incident management systems (ICS), and other areas as outlined in Coconino County's 3-year Training and Exercise Plan.
- \$47,500 to upgrade the infrastructure of the County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) and interoperability with other local EOCs.
- \$25,366 for Citizen Corps and Community Emergency Response teams (CERT). These funds will provide basic and advance training and equipment for local CERT teams throughout the County. CERT is the volunteer community program to adjunct first responders in disasters.
- \$40,000 for a Commodity Flow study for Arizona roadways. This study will provide emergency planners with hazard analyses on the amount and types of hazardous materials being transported through Arizona, and will assist in response planning and training of first responders.
- \$126,285 for Enhancement of Network and Data Sharing Capabilities. The core network infrastructure equipment requested will support the agency's ability to respond to terrorist threats in our County, as well as support regional interactions among agencies.
- \$5,981 to Enhance Response and Investigation Capabilities to Hazardous Environments. The scope of this project is to increase our capability to conduct technical rescue operations in an all-hazard environment.

"These funds will better enable first responders and emergency managers to provide needed equipment, training and incident management tools for community and County emergency response," said Sherrie Collins, Coconino County Emergency Manager. "Congress and the Department of Homeland Security have asked state and local governments to meet target capabilities in responding to all types of emergencies and these funds will assist in helping Coconino County first responders in meeting these goals."

For more information about the Homeland Security Grant projects, call Sherrie Collins, Coconino County Emergency Management at (928) 526-2735; or Cathy Allen, Coconino County Sheriff's Office at (928) 226-5017.

MANA Craft Fair Provides Opportunity to Thank the Troops

On November 3, 2007 several employees from the Coconino County Sheriff's Office partnered with the MANA (Marines, Army, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, and National Guard) Support Group at their Craft Fair fundraiser event. MANA is a local organization formed by families who had loved ones serving in Iraq. The group provides a support system to family members and regularly sends care packages to the troops.

The Craft Fair had the dual purpose of fundraising and collecting donated items to mail to troops overseas. Items collected included books, magazines, music CDs, video

DVDs, personal health products (soaps, shampoos, lotions, toothpaste, etc.), canned food, snacks and candies, frisbees, cards, and holiday goodies.

Sheriff's Office employees and volunteers accepted donations, sorted donations, packed care boxes, and labeled boxes for mailing during the day long event. Gerry Blair helped arrange an appearance by Santa Claus to help keep the crowd entertained.

This was a great opportunity for employees of the Coconino County Sheriff's Office to partner with the community in caring for people from our community.



Congratulations to Leadership in Police Organizations Graduates

Over the past three years, the Coconino County Sheriff's Office has introduced several new ideas and concepts that allow all employees to be a part of moving our organization forward. Our goal is for the Sheriff's Office to be a High Performance Organization. To achieve this goal, we must continue to seek out and provide training and job enrichment for all of our employees. Leadership in Police Organizations is one of the trainings our supervisors are attending to help them develop and achieve leadership to the fullest potential and to help them develop daily leadership practices that will benefit our employees and our organization.



Congratulations to 2006-2007 Class Graduates: (from left to right) Ron Anderson, Tim Cornelius, Charles Wong, Larry Zamora, and Jeff Drayton.

We would like all supervisors to engage, mentor and facilitate the success of all of our employees. We are dedicated to inspiring a lifelong commitment to the study and practice of effective leadership.



Congratulations to 2006-2007 Class Graduates: (from left to right) Ralph LeFevre, Rex Gilliland, Kurt Braatz, Cathy Allen, Jim Driscoll, and Bill Pribil.

Mounted Unit Adds Unique Perspective to Community Policing



During November, Sheriff Deputies with the Mounted Unit patrolled the Munds Park / Pinewood Community on horseback. Some of the community concerns they addressed were reports of traffic violations. They officers even conducted traffic stops from horseback.

The Coconino County Sheriff's Office maintains a Mounted Unit comprised of both Deputies and Civilian Volunteers. These individuals work closely together to provide Mounted Search and Rescue as well as Mounted Community and Forest Patrols. The Mounted Unit also provides important community outreach during public events and during everyday contacts among the community. The unit members and their horses must complete a rigorous training including: personal safety, general Search and Rescue procedures, event management, map and compass navigation, GPS navigation, and tracking. They also must complete courses that demonstrate mounted skills and that the horse and rider are able to work under a variety of potentially distracting or stressful conditions. Many members of the unit have been certified through the Arizona Mounted Police Officers Academy.

A major benefit to Mounted Unit patrols is that officers are in more direct contact with the public than they would be from a vehicle. Officers can easily converse with people who are out in their yards or neighborhood. Horses can go places that might be hard to access by vehicle. Officers also can get a different perspective of an area from their position on horseback compared to inside a vehicle. Because of the history of mounted units, people often view mounted officers and their horses as being very approachable, which helps develop community relations. Together, this adds up to a unique way to provide additional service to the community.

For more information about the Mounted Unit, contact Deputy Bill Rackley at 928-226-5144.

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Thanksgiving Meals at Williams and Flagstaff Senior Centers

In keeping with tradition, staff and volunteers from the Coconino County Sheriff's Office helped the Williams and Flagstaff Senior Centers celebrate Thanksgiving. Each year, members from our department help serve the Thanksgiving meals and spend time getting to know better the Seniors in our community. We also help the Senior Centers celebrate Christmas at their annual Christmas lunch.



Matt Figueroa (Detention Lieutenant) helps seniors celebrate Thanksgiving.



Herb Johnson (Patrol Volunteer), Gerry Blair (Community Programs Planner), Kurt Braatz (Commander Detention Facility) help serve lunches at the Williams Senior Center.

Jail Kitchen Thankful for Donations

The Detention Facility Kitchen had a lot to be thankful this past holiday. They received two large donations to help inmates celebrate Thanksgiving. The Northern Arizona Food Bank donated over 1,500 bottles of Gatorade. The local Dryer's warehouse answered call "you scream, I scream, we all scream for ice cream" by provided 720 half gallon tubs of the dessert for inmates. We greatly appreciate that organizations in the community are remembering the community of inmates in our detention facility during the holiday season.

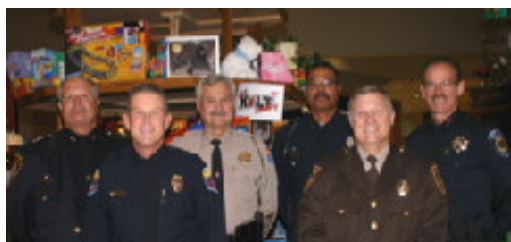
Kickoff for Annual Law Enforcement Toy Drive

The Northern Arizona Law Enforcement Toy Drive is in full swing at the Flagstaff Mall. The Law Enforcement Toy Drive started in Phoenix and the surrounding area in 1989 when police officers partnered with radio personality W. Steven Martin to distribute toys to children and at-risk families.

Many of the children were identified by officers who had come to know families in the neighborhoods and beats they patrolled and served. As more officers learned about the program, it spread statewide.

The Northern Arizona Law Enforcement Toy Drive is a partnership among the Arizona Department of Public Safety, the Flagstaff Police Department, the Coconino County Sheriff's Office, the Northern Arizona University Police Department, the Winslow Police Department, and the Williams Police Department.

The outreach has become a large part of community policing and helps foster and improve relationships between communities and the police. For more information on the statewide program, visit www.policetoydrive.com.



Command Staff of Northern Arizona Law Enforcement Agencies Kickoff Toy Drive